

The air waves belong to the public, not the FCC, the huge media corporations or to the Republican party. The existing rules should be retained and even strengthened to ensure diversity of access. Deregulation of radio has been a disaster for news and music, and allowing corporate conglomerates more control will lead to a monopolization of news and opinion. One need look no further than the way the Fox Network reported the Iraq war to see that media control dictated the way the war was presented. It was no accident that the Soviet Union had only one official newspaper. Changing the broadcast ownership rules will take us even further away from vital freedom of expression.

At the very least, the arbitrary vote date of Monday, June 2nd should be postponed, as requested by both parties in Congress, and a vast number of citizens (the "owners" of the air waves), until there has been sufficient time for a very public debate on the issue. THAT is the American way.